

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
PROGRAM SUPPORT BUREAU – QUALITY IMPROVEMENT DIVISION**

**CULTURAL COMPETENCY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** May 13, 2015

**Present:** Ann Lee, SA 8 Long Beach/South Bay Geo Initiative; Belanie Brown, DMH/CGRD; Bruce Wheatley, Inner City Industry – CCC Co-chair; Denise Johnson, Alafia Mental Health; Leticia Ximenez, DMH Community & Government Relations Division – CCC Co-chair; Luis Garcia, Tri-City MHS; Masao Tsuru, Office of Integrated Care; Mirtala Parada Ward, PSB-QID; Muriel Carmier; Rafaela Diaz, Hillsides; Romalis Taylor, AAA UREP chair; Roxana Linares, PSB-QID; Sandra Chang Ptasinski, PSB-QID; Sawako Nitao, Asian Coalition; Vandana Joshi, PSB-QID-Data Unit

**Participants via Webex:** Rich Willens, Penny Lane; Shirley Flournoy, TAY System of Care-DMH; Martin McDermott, Bayfront Youth and Family Services; Sonia Hines, ChildNet Youth & Family Services; Reba Stevens, Consumer

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<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Attendee introductions		CCC membership
<b>Review of Minutes</b>	April minutes reviewed and approved.		Co-Chairs
<b>Ethnic Services Manager (ESM) Update</b>	<u>2015 CC Plan</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A template table was circulated for members to report group affiliations in which they act as cultural competency ambassadors. This information will be included in the 2015 CC Plan.</li> </ul> <u>CCC Logo</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The logos developed by the artist were shared by the ESM</li> <li>The CCC membership expressed interest in logos 1 and 3 with the following changes:</li> </ul>		Sandra Chang Ptasinski

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For Logo # 1, apply the circle from logo #2 and place it around the CCC letters. Also, delete the words “Cultural Competency Committee” written below the graphic.</li> <li>○ For Logo # 3, swap the pink and bright yellow half circles in the rainbow and change the color of the Committee’s name to bright blue</li> <li>• The ESM will provide this feedback to the artist and continue to report on the logos at future meetings until the logo is finalized</li> </ul>		
<b>Mapping for ethnic disparities and location of services Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Vandana Joshi presented data maps regarding location of DMH providers and distance traveled by consumers to receive mental health services</li> <li>• The Data GIS Unit works with the Under-Represented Ethnic Populations (UREP) and Cultural Competency Units to assess mental health disparities, consumer population demographics, and the needs of ethnically diverse consumer populations</li> <li>• Dr. Joshi was invited back to present additional information as it becomes available</li> <li>• CCC to determine how to utilize data presented by Dr. Joshi via its 2015 Workgroups</li> </ul>		Vandana Joshi PSB-QID Data GIS Unit
<b>Hope and Recovery Conference planning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled for June 24, 2015, the theme of this year’s conference is “Each one teach one.”</li> <li>• Selected CCC and UREP subcommittee members will participate in a 60-minute panel presentation during the plenary session of the conference.</li> <li>• The goal of the panel is to raise awareness about the Committees, programs, meetings, and projects within DMH that provide opportunities for consumer involvement and participation.</li> <li>• Panel presentation ideas discussed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CCC workgroups and current projects</li> <li>○ Highlight CRDP reports and recommendations</li> <li>○ UREP capacity building projects</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A request was made for the panel members to be consumers,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference planning final details will be shared at the next CCC meeting in June</li> <li>• CCC workgroups to identify a member for the panel</li> </ul>	

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	<p>family members and community members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A conference planning ad hoc workgroup was created with the following CCC members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Belanie Brown</li> <li>Bruce Wheatley</li> <li>Leticia Ximenez</li> <li>Mirtala Parada Ward (plus 2 UREP Unit staff)</li> <li>Sandra Chang Ptasinski</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bruce Wheatley will serve as keynote speaker</li> </ul>		
<b>Ad hoc Workgroup recommendations on “The Possible Creation of a Health Agency Report”</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A document titled: “Feedback on the Possible Creation of a Health Agency Draft Report” was provided to the CCC membership for review, discussion and approval</li> <li>The document was organized in two sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions, recommendations, and concerns about consolidation of the three Departments under one health agency</li> <li>Elements to be included in the health agency model, if it is implemented</li> </ul> </li> <li>It contained the following disclaimer: “This document utilizes the word “consolidation” to refer to the board motion that intends to organize DHS, DMH and DPH under one health agency. This section expresses lack of support for the concept of “consolidation” of the three Departments and should not to be interpreted to mean, nor be confused with lack of support for service integration.”</li> <li>The CCC approved the feedback document with minor corrections.</li> <li>CCC’s goals for a follow-up meeting with Dr. Ghaly, DHS CEO include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide feedback on the Possible Creation of a Health Agency Report</li> <li>To ensure that the concept of cultural competency, consumer voices, and stakeholder process are embedded in the decision-making and planning process for the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting with Dr. Ghaly, the CCC, and UREP subcommittees will take place on May 18, 2015.</li> </ul>	Ad hoc Workgroup Members

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	<p>consolidation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CCC membership was reminded that the Possible Creation of a Health Agency Report is open for public comments and anyone can submit individual input.</li> </ul>		
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Save the date invitation to the Hope and Recovery Conference, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015</li> </ul>		Reba Stevens
<b>Next meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at 550 S. Vermont Ave, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room, Los Angeles, CA 90020</li> </ul>		

Respectfully Submitted,

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